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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AMORPHOUS ALLOY RIBBON, AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING NANO-CRYSTALLINE ALLOY RIBBON WITH SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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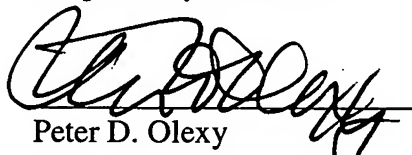
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants discusses the same in the Amendment filed on even date herewith. Applicants also provide a partial English translation.

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